

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು.ಬಿ. ಬೋರ್ಕರ್.—ನಾನು ಹೇಳುವುದಿಷ್ಟೆ, ಜಯಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ರಂಪಾಣಿ, ಸುರೇನ್ ಎಸ್. ನಿಮಾ ಗೋಲೇಕರ್, ಇವರ ಹತ್ತಿರ ೪೫ ಜನರು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಮತ್ತು ಗಣಪತಿ ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ದುರ್ಗೇಕರ್ ಆರ್ಯದುರ್ಗ. ಇವರಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು ೮೦-೯೦ ಜನರು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ರೀತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಜನರು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಯೂನಿಟ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಬ್ಸಿಡಿಯನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—We have to select and we have selected. Others will be selected later on.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(Contd.)

(iii) re: *Safety and preservation of the Belur Temple.*

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN (Uttarahalli).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of State for Information and Youth Services to the danger to the safety and preservation of the Belur Temple due to the existence of a plywood factory within a distance of 100 yards of the temple.

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS (Minister of State for Information and Youth Services).—I wish to make the following Statement.—

Sri Channakeshava Temple at Belur in Hassan District is a Centrally Protected Monument. Just behind the Channakeshava Temple in the vicinity of above Temple, Lakshmi-saw Mill (a private body) occupies an area of 5 Acres. The Mill is manufacturing state plywood materials utilising the soft wood available in the District. During the manufacture of plywood steam is required to dry and press veneers and also for other activities of the factory and is absolutely necessary for the manufacture process. This steam is generated in a boiler which uses wood as fuel. The smoke emanates from the Chimney of this factory which is just behind Channakeshava Temple Complex. The distance between Chimney and the Temple is about 361 feet and the height of the Chimney is 52 feet. When the south-east wind blows, smoke from the Chimney comes towards the Temple and this is polluting the atmosphere and causing damage to the delicate sculpture of the Temple. Efforts are being made to prevent pollution by consulting experts in the field and the Government will explore all the possibilities and will take necessary action expeditiously to safeguard the Monument.

Though this is a Centrally protected monument, nothing concrete has yet been done. It is not the intention of the State Government to absolve themselves of their responsibility. I know the importance

of this sculpture. Therefore I have convened a meeting of all the departments concerned including the representatives of the Archaeological Survey of India at Belur itself on the 5th to make an on the spot study and also to find out what exactly is to be done and whatever is necessary in the interest of protecting the monument, Govt. will initiate necessary steps

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—Sir, I am really surprised at the way in which the Hon. Minister has treated this issue in a casual way. I am also surprised that the Minister for Transport and Tourism is conspicuously silent on this matter and is also absent. This temple is a priceless cultural heritage which we have inherited from our glorious past. This is a temple which has got the finest sculpture in the world. Government should have been taken steps by now but the Hon. Minister just now said that he is going to call a meeting of the officers concerned and discuss about this issue on the 5th of next month. This shows how this Government is not sensible to certain things which are happening every minute. Hon. Members may be aware that in Western Europe and particularly in Germany there are very good castles and cathedrals and there are some fine temples in Athens. All these carvings came into being before the Industrial Revolution. They were very good and they were not polluted for the last 30-40 years. Now all these buildings have been polluted and as a result these precious heritages have been lost and the stones have started to be eroded. It is a well known fact that once erosion starts particularly with regard to stone carvings, they cannot be restored. This is the point which I would like the Government to recognise.

Again the Minister in his statement has agreed that there is damage and polluting atmosphere is causing damage. It means, once damage has been caused to the finest carvings of the Temple I do not know how the Government will be able to retrieve. It is impossible. Erosion has started and it is much more danger. I am sorry the Minister has not mentioned the definite steps he is going to take. He is trying to get in touch with other organisations in the country. For example, the Environmental Research Institute which is in Delhi and the meteorological Department. What is the action taken to get in touch with the organisations which are meant to study the pollution effects on such monuments. Since it is the finest stone carvings which we have, one should be more careful and no time should be lost. This is what I would like to impress. In his statement the Hon. Minister has not mentioned about shifting of the factory. He is telling that he is going to only study the effects on the temples after getting experts advice. Here I would like to quote one of comments

which has been made by the Director of International Environmental Centre. He has made this statement with regard to pollution effects on Taj Mahal.

“once pollution takes place and when once the finest carvings start eroding nothing can retrieve this”.

“it cannot be expected to give hundred percent answer for an object like Taj Mahal the reliability of provisions taken for its conservations as a whole must be well above 99% better than for electronic equipment”.

This is the observation by world's expert on Taj Mahal pollution. Our Channakeshava Temple is much priceless than Taj because here you have the finest carvings. If we lose now we will never be able to get. I hope this aspect will be taken into consideration. What surprises me is the way the Government is thinking. I am sorry, our Chief Minister who loves national heritage, national culture is keeping quiet on this all these years. I would have expected him to take immediate action as soon as he come to power. When once we lose it, we lose for ever; That is point. I would like to bring to the notice of the Government as trade out in the statement the distance between the chimney and temple is about 361 feet and the height of the chimney is 52 feet. That means it is very near to the temple. I have got here the photograph published in the Prajavani. After the paper wrote about this dangers, the Government has not moved an inch. I would like to ask whether the Government is prepared to take immediate steps to call experts not only from India but from outside. Why I am making this suggestion is because this is pricelese treasure. If we lose it, we will not be able to get it. I would request the Government to tell us whether they are going to call experts ont only in India but outside.

While you call experts advice I would like to suggest that two things must be taken into consideration. Will that Expert Committee go into the details of finding what is the pollution emission contents particularly with regard to carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—I will take you in that expert committee you seem to have stated. If he wants to give his vast knowledge of the matter, the time of the House should be considered. Now that he has brought to the notice of the Government, certainly we shall look into that. Unfortunately I do not have the file. I do not know when this licence was issued. That is another important question. I am sure it must be there for long. Nevertheless, there are so many aspects whether it has to be acquired. If we have no experts we shall have from outside. I do not think we need go on whether we should

have experts from outside I think we have some experts in India itself. I do not know whether Panchayat has given licence or Taluk Board has given it; everything will be gone into. Certainly I must thank the hon. member who has brought this to the notice of the Government. I do appreciate his anxiety to protect the monument. We will take all steps. What is the use of narrating chemical analysis and all that.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—I would not have certainly taken the precious time of the House but for the fact that the Government is so much senseless. About a month back newspapers have written about it. Uptil today the Government has not taken any action.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—I do not mind his saying that the Government is senseless. But is he sensible to understand that when this matter has come up it has to be looked into at length.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—I would like to get an assurance from the Government when will they call experts to come to Inida.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—He wants me to give the date on which I am going to call. Let him understand, I do appreciate his anxiety to protect the temple. Let him understand the Government is as much interested as he is. At least that much understanding he should have. I cannot say that in 8 days I am calling. Immediate action will be taken to call experts to look into this and whether licence was unauthorisedly given or without licence it is run and who is responsible. All these things we will look into.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—Will the Government take immediate action to see that the factory is shifted?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—I will go into the question. Unless I look into the question how this party has been allowed to run the factory and who was responsible and all that and also whether we have to pay compensation to throw him out, I cannot say. All these things will have to be looked into.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—Till that time will you direct to stop this factory because every minute it is causing damage?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—All these things will be looked into.

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.—I am extremely pained to hear the hon'ble member levelling a charge that a casual treatment is being received at the hands of the Government. I have made it clear that this monument is a centrally protected monument, and if the hon'ble member were to accuse.....

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—Sir, I am extremely sorry. The Hon'ble Minister is equally responsible to protect in interests of the State.

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.—Sir, we cannot deal with a centrally protected monument. The State Government has no authority to meddle with that in any fashion we like. Therefore I have persuaded the representatives of the Archaeological Survey of India, and I have convened this meeting at the shortest possible time. I have convened a meeting of the representative of the Archaeological Survey of India at Belur on the 5th of next month. It is not as if we have slept over the matter. The question has engaged the attention of the Government even before it was raised here. I told the House the other day that I have convened a meeting. Unless we examine the issue and know the opinion, I cannot say that we will import expertise from outside. We will take all possible steps, and I cannot give instructions to the Ply Wood Factory to stop it, because they can go and bring a stay against my order because it affects their business interest. I have also persuaded the Industry go slow and they have initiated certain action. But not satisfied with what has been done, I have convened on the spot meeting of persons concerned. The Government is anxious to protect the monument, and if it comes to that, we will acquire and give them compensation. But, we cannot give an assurance without examining the matter. After all, in another five or six days it is not going to cause irreparable damage. Certainly we take all possible steps warranted under the circumstances to protect the monument.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—The Hon'ble Minister says that it will cause irreparable damage. He must realise the gravity of the situation. No time should be lost in this.

Injustice caused to the Stipendary School teachers

† ಶ್ರೀ ಮೆಳ್ಳೂರು ಆನಂದರಾವ್.—(ರಾಜಾಜಿನಗರ).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಶನಿವಾರ ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಇಷ್ಟಪಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇವತ್ತಿನ ದಿವಸ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಒಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರು. ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಿ ಟೀಕಿಸಿ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನ್ಯಾಯ ದೊರಕಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಅಹಿಂಸಾತ್ಮಕ ರೀತಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಮನೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಅಂದರೆ ಅವರ ಗೇಟಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಲ್ಲ. ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಧರಣಿ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಕೊಂಡ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದೆ. ಅವರು ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಹೆಂಡತಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಾಲ್ಕು ಜನ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಧರಣಿ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಇಷ್ಟು ಜನರನ್ನು ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಶನಿವಾರ ಅವರನ್ನು ಮ್ಯಾಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಟ್ ಅವರ ಮುಂದೆ ಪ್ರೊಡ್ಯೂಗ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬೆಲೆ ಕೊಡುವವರು ಇಲ್ಲ. ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ, ಬಿ ಎಸ್ ಸಿ ಬಿ ಎಡ್. ಕುಸುಮ ಬಿ ಎಸ್ ಸಿ, ಬಿ ಎಡ್ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಯಿಂದ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶಕುಂತಲಾದೇವಿ ಕನಕಪರ ದಿಂದ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಷ್ಟು ಜನರನ್ನು ಪೋಲಿಸಿನವರು ಹಿಡಿದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಮ್ಯಾಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಟ್ ಮುಂದೆ ಪ್ರೊಡ್ಯೂಗ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಜುಡಿಷಿಯಲ್ ಕಸ್ಟಡಿಗೆ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗ ಸೆಂಟ್ರಲ್ ಜೈಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಇಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವರನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಿ ಇಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಇಮ್ಮಾರಲ್ ಟಾಫೀನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರು ಇರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಇತಿಹಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಜೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಾರಿ ಈಗ ನಡೆದಿದೆ. ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಕೇಸ್ ಹಾಕಿ